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Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated December 27, 2007. The above-referenced patent application has been amended as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 9-12 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claim 1 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 to 3 of this response.